

PP Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 24, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Wages,
Working,
Whatsoever
Is Right**

Meditation Verse: *“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” – Matthew 20:15*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Reader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who provides!

Reader: When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

People: God provides in unexpected ways.

Reader: Jesus tells a story of vineyard workers, some who work all day and some who work mere hours, yet the generous landowner paid all of them equally.

People: God provides in unexpected ways.

Reader: God does provide in unexpected ways, yet manna, quail, and grapes need gathering and harvesting.

People: We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.

Reader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship and partner with God who provides.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #2036 – Give Thanks

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 24:14,15
Matthew 20:1-16

*Hymn #340 - Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Kids Message

Message: "Wages, Working, Whatsoever is Right"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
- Song: All Who Are Thirsty

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Humble Thyself/Awesome God
- Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Blessing

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. When has God given or provided you with something that you probably didn't deserve? How has this led to growth in your faith or trust?

2) *Pray*. Do you ever think someone should earn your (or God's) grace or mercy or love? Pray for a more generous and kind spirit.

3) *Study*. Read Exodus 16:1-4. What have you longed for recently but have not received? How has this made you question God or your faith?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

To go a little deeper
with these readings
each day this week,
please go to:
pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Nostalgia" - Diving into Exodus 17, we see that the people long for the past. From their current place and perspective, they reminisce about 'the good old days.' It was comfortable, predictable. Now their future is unsure, uncharted. When we find ourselves there, we too can look back at the candy-coated, rose-tinted memories. This nostalgia steals our joy and prevents us from seeing the streams of living water already flowing in our midst. Instead, we are invited to walk together in faith. Won't you join us?

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 9 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Wednesday – 6 PM – Youth Group
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men’s Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Chapel

Upcoming Special Events

- Sept. 27 – 3:30 PM – GriefShare begins (13 sessions)
- September 30 – 10 AM – Imagine Day
- October 27 – 5 PM – Fall Family Festival

Announcements:

September Mission of the Month the Hope Center in Rapid City.

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains! Thank you for serving.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!